

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1419 – SB 1959

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits universal mental health testing, or psychiatric or socio-emotional screening of juveniles in Tennessee except for consent by a parent, court order or emergency testing. Prohibits LEAs from using a parent's refusal to consent to giving a psychotropic medication to a student or psychiatric evaluation, test, or screening of a student as grounds for prohibiting the child from attending class or participating in a school-related activity or as basis of child abuse or neglect. Local boards of education are required to adopt policies to implement this provision.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant


Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There would not be a significant increase in state expenditures for any regulation changes.
- This issue is already addressed in the Federal IDEA law and would have no impact on state funding.
- Any cost to local boards of education to adopt policies to carry out the provisions of the bill is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director